



An apparatus for changing the speed of bicycles, the apparatus comprising:

a driven sprocket receiving the driving force of a driving sprocket; a speed controlling portion, that is comprising:

a carrier that is fixed to one side of the driven sprocket, and a plurality of planetary gears is installed;

at least two sun gears that are engaging with each step of the planetary gears and ratchet-teeth is formed along inner circumference;

a ring gear that is engaging with the other side of the planetary gears; an output portion, that is comprising:

a hub shell transferring the driving force to a rear wheel by means of the carrier and the ring gear;

a clutch means that is mediating the driving force selectively with being mounted between the carrier and the hub shell, and the ring gear and the hub shell; and

a speed-change controlling portion, that is comprising:

a hub shaft having a pawl-positioning portion;

at least two set of pawls which are engaging or releasing with the ratchet-teeth of the at least two sun gears;

a pawl-controlling ring that is controlling the position of the at least two set of pawls;

a transforming disk having a groove along outer circumference, which a hooking portion is formed on the outer circumference in order to transform the position of the pawl-controlling ring via a mediating portion;

a spring that is for restoring position of the transforming disk to original position;

a spacing portion enabling the transforming disk to rotate freely.

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- 2. The apparatus for changing speed of bicycles of the claim 1, wherein on the inner surface of the pawl-controlling ring, grooves are formed symmetrically with respect to the center point.
- 3. The apparatus for changing speed of bicycles of the claim 2, wherein the grooves of the pawl-controlling ring are not formed with the same angle interval with respect to the center point.
- 4. The apparatus for changing speed of bicycles of the claim 2, wherein the grooves are composed of a couple of sloping groove and a couple of angular groove alternatively.
- 5. The apparatus for changing speed of bicycles of the claim 1, wherein the pawls are installed in the pawl-positioning portion of the hub shaft with the same angular interval.
- 6. The apparatus for changing speed of bicycles of the claim 1, wherein the pawls are comprising:
- a sag portion that is positioning inside of the pawl-controlling ring; and a stopper portion that is engaging or releasing the ratchet-teeth which is formed inner circumference of the sun gear.
- 7. The apparatus for changing speed of bicycles of the claim 6, wherein the pawls, which are positioning relatively far from the pawl-controlling ring, are further comprising an extended portion that is thinner than pawl body, whereby preventing the pawl from engaging other elements.
- 8. The apparatus for changing speed of bicycles of the claim 1, wherein the mediating portion is comprising:



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a splined groove that is formed on one side of the pawl-controlling ring;

a connecting portion that is engaging with the splined groove and a coupling groove is formed therein; and

- a pork ring that is installed in the coupling groove, mediating the rotational 5 force with being engaging with a splined portion formed in the transforming disk.
 - 9. The apparatus for changing speed of bicycles of the claim 1, wherein the spacing portion is comprising:
 - a sustaining portion sustaining a bear ring, which is mounted between the carrier and the sustaining portion;
 - a fixed disk that is fixed to the hub shaft; and
 - a plurality of spacer pins that is fixed to the fixed disk and contacting with the sustaining portion through an arc groove formed in the transforming disk.
 - 10. The apparatus for changing speed of bicycles of the claim 9, wherein the sustaining portion is rotatable and a through hole is formed therein.
 - 11. The apparatus for changing speed of bicycles of the claim 1, in case of comprising more than two set of pawls, a plurality of the pawl-controlling ring is installed between each set of pawls.
 - 12. The apparatus for changing speed of bicycles of the claim 1, wherein the clutch means is comprising:
 - a clutch ring that is a group of pins is formed thereof; and
- a sloping portion that is formed outer circumference of the carrier and the 25 ring gear.
 - 13. The apparatus for changing speed of bicycles of the claim 1, wherein the clutch means is comprising:



a first pawl installed in the space between the planetary gears; and a ring gear portion formed inner circumference of the hub shell.

14. The apparatus for changing speed of bicycles of the claim 1, wherein the clutch means is comprising:

a second pawl installed in the space between the planetary gears;

a ring gear engaged with the planetary gears and the second pawl at the same time installed outside of the second pawl; and

a third pawl installed between the ring gear and the hub shell.

15. The apparatus for changing speed of bicycles of the claim 1, wherein the mediating portion is comprising:

a pin fixed on one side of the pawl-controlling ring, and the pin is connected to the transforming disk through a disk installed between the pawl-controlling ring and the transforming disk.

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